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Structure Point Isabel Lighthouse (TEX-33-AB-)

20 miles NE. of Brownsville. Brick, tower wall 8' thick at base and 20' in diameter; 88' above mean high water level, with brick walls 4' thick at the top of the tower. Floor of lantern is of soapstone. Lantern was reached by an iron spiral stair from frame four-room keeper's dwelling below. Along with the building of the lighthouse in 1852 went the setting up of the Brazos Beacon Light on the tip of Padre Island. Port Isabel was originally called Point Isabèl. It became a port of entry (over)

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between 1849-50 for increasing westbound traffic to California and inland Texas. Point Isabel Light was discontinued in 1905, but the structure has been preserved as a State Park. 4 sheets (meas. 1934. drawn 1936, including site plan, plans, elevation, sections, details); 3 ext. photos (1934), 2 int. photos (1934); 1 data page (1934). Ref: "Part Isabel Pilat".

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